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Raman Chandrasekar, et al

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or: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR QUERY REFINEMENT TO ENABLE IMPROVED SEARCHING BASED ON IDENTIFYING AND UTILIZING

POPULAR CONCEPTS RELATED TO USERS' QUERIES

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## **REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

In res	ponse to the Official Action dated November 29, 200	04, reconsideration is
respectfully r	equested in view of the amendments and/or remarks	as indicated below:
	Amendments to the Specification begin on page	of this paper.
$\boxtimes$	Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the begins on page 2 of this paper.	listing of the claims which
	Amendments to the Drawings begin on page an attached replacement sheet.	of this paper and include
$\boxtimes$	Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.	

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